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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2002, enclosed is a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. Please amend the above-described application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (amended) An ordered redundant array of immobilized oligonucleotides produced by:
- (a) providing: i) a solid support comprising a plurality of positions for oligonucleotides, said positions defined by x and y coordinates; ii) a plurality of identical oligonucleotides, each oligonucleotide comprising a sequence; and iii) a plurality of unique circular DNA templates, each circular DNA template comprising a sequence of interest and a

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